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Eisenhower Dollars

The Eisenhower dollar, minted from 1971 to 1978, was the first US dollar coin issued after the Peace dollar series ended in 1935. These coins, often referred to as "Ike dollars" after President Dwight D. Eisenhower, were primarily intended for collectors rather than general circulation. While they are legal tender, their large size and limited use in day-to-day transactions meant they never became widely circulated as currency. Today, Eisenhower dollars hold more value to numismatists than to the general public using them for purchases. Their value can vary significantly based on factors such as the year of minting, condition, and whether they are of the more collectible silver-clad variety. For instance, certain varieties from 1971 and 1972 are particularly sought after by collectors and can fetch higher prices. Despite their limited use in commerce, Eisenhower dollars are a cherished piece of American numismatic history, capturing a period of transition in coinage and reflecting the nation's reverence for the late president. Collectors may find these coins particularly interesting due to their historical significance and the stories they carry from an era when the US was reevaluating its currency's silver content and design.